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1. In early October a new Border Defense Inspection Station had been built in Swatow between the Swatow Customs House and the boat harbor.
2. On 9 and 10 October Chinese Communist troops were stationed in the former prison building, located to the east of the former Standard Oil Company installation, at the entrance to Niut'ien Channel, Swatow. Anchored off the former prison were four motor launches. One launch was painted black, was about 40 feet long, and was armed fore and aft. Three launches were painted grey, were about 30 feet long, and were armed fore and aft. Distance from the launches made the numbers indistinguishable. The launches appeared different from the YP-type craft previously seen in Swatow.
3. On 9 and 10 October the following craft were in Swatow:
 - a. Two motor junks of about seven tons each left Swatow heavily loaded at 1800 hours on 9 October.
 - b. Three motor junks entered Swatow and discharged packing cases into warehouses at 1900 hours on 9 October.
 - c. One 800-ton merchant ship left Swatow with a cargo of earthenware jugs at 0800 hours on 10 October.
 - d. One 1,000-ton merchant ship unloading a cargo of flour into warehouses at 1600 hours on 10 October.
 - e. One oil tanker, [] entered Swatow at 1800 hours on 10 October. The tanker, of about 2,000 tons and dark grey, appeared very old and poorly maintained.
4. On 10 October, at 0900 hours and 1300 hours, air raid alerts were sounded in Swatow. Each alert lasted about 20 minutes, and there were no aircraft during the alert. All unloading work stopped during the alert, and the crew as well as the cadres took shelter.

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1. Comment. The vessel [] has been reported in the Canton-Whampoa area on several occasions during the past two years. The vessel has been identified as an EBONOL Class tanker. On 11 July 1955 it was reported to be taking oil from the Polish tanker KARPATY in Belcher Reach [] A sketch of of the tanker made by the informant is below.

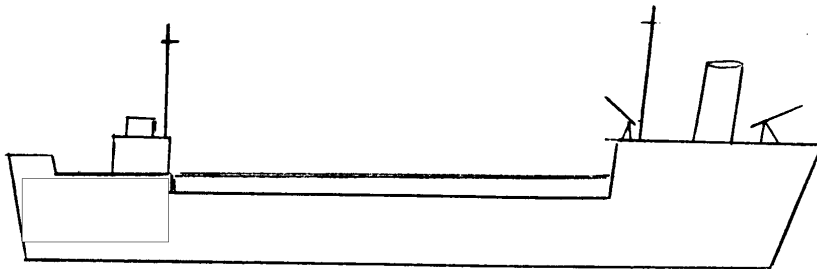
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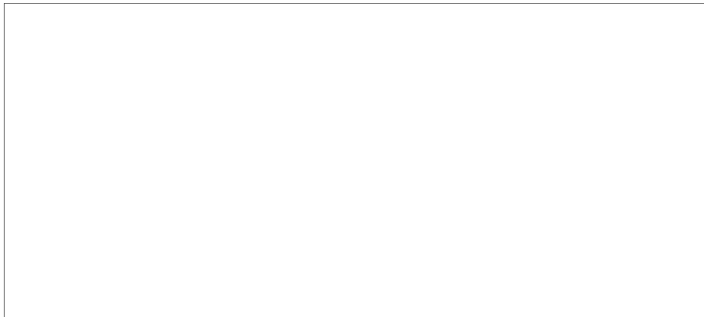
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Chinese Communist tanker [] entering Swatow on 10 October 1955

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